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**PATENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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This amendment is being filed together with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the final Office Action dated November 15, 2002 (Paper No. 10) and the Advisory Action dated April 15, 2003 (Paper No. 13). A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on May 14, 2003 in view of a Petition for Extension of Time (3 months, to and including May 15, 2003), filed therewith. Accordingly, this Amendment and accompanying RCE are being timely filed in view of a Petition for Extension of Time (one month, to and including August 14, 2003) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows, without prejudice.

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